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To Whom It May Concern:

I came across today's deadline to comment on the Microsoft settlement quite by accident. I have not been following the case closely and consider myself no expert in these affairs.

However, when I did work in the software industry some years ago, Microsoft was well-known for taking the spirit of competition too far. Amusing pranks -- such as programmers on loan to competing software developers -- purposely embedding errors into software to cause disruption in the competing product's release. If true, and these stories were widespread, Microsoft has lacked a measure of integrity for a long time.

The fact that the company is offering chances at a "prize" for writing letters in support of Microsoft and not seeing that in any fashion as a "bribe" is typical.

I hope in our efforts to "promote business" we do not overlook integrity and honesty and fair dealing. What's good for Microsoft is not necessarily what's best for America.

Thank you --

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